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Southern Tractor Company bringing new economic development to Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Water and Electric Board paved the way Tuesday night, June 23, dur- ADEM regarding the land. ing its regular monthly meeting for new economic development in Elba.

Following a 30-40 minute executive session, the board returned to open meeting, and board member Barry Giles made a motion with a second from board member construction by Southern tor is located on the same Tom Maddox that effectively would allow board lowable on this site. chairman Tim Johnson to enter into an agreement to transfer the brownfield land

use is affected by real or perceived environmental contamination. Upon completion of the paperwork with ADEM, the proposed Tractor LLC would be al-

land to Southern Tractor LLC [owner Blake Streeton Hwy. 84 in Elba [located man] passed by a unanibetween Coleman Funeral mous vote of the Elba Water

O'Reilly's Auto Parts obtains building permit for renovations to old Fred's building in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba's code enforcement currently. Overall since officer provided an update from his office Tuesday, June 23, to the Elba City Council and revealed in that report was confirmation that O'Reilly's Auto Parts is planning to renovate the old Fred's building in the city.

There had been ongoing rumors within the city for ticipating in the program out months that O'Reilly's was of the first group of 15. He planning to move into the said the city sent out nine old Fred's building, but offers to purchase for a total those rumors had not been amount of \$438,900, and all confirmed by any substan- nine offers were accepted. tial evidence. That changed during last week's council

meeting. While reporting on recent building inspections, code enforcement officer Bryson meetings were scheduled Dear noted he has received, with 16 of 20 property reviewed and approved plans and permit application two. for renovation to the former Fred's building. This was closings for the first round from O'Reilly's Auto Parts. of buyouts to be scheduled

Dear said the plans indi- for the end of July. He said cate O'Reilly's will be cre- a preliminary exterior inating a distribution center at spection of these properties that building, and the auto had been completed to departs company will also termine the scope and timehave a retail storefront on line for demolitions. Interior

Regarding active cases testing will be completed from the code enforcement after closing on the buyouts office, Dear said he has 23 and before demolition can property maintenance cases proceed.

Southern Tractor LLC, contingent upon some paper- Streetman said following work being completed with this approval by the board. Brownfield land is a

former industrial or com- tential project] for probably

The motion to transfer the

and 35 unsafe structure cases open for a total of 58 recording cases, Dear said there had been 213 opened with 155 closed for a 72.77 percent closure rate for the essential home items."

code enforcement office. Dear noted the FEMA buyout program continues to move forward as well. He said 10 properties were par-

Dear said meetings were planned June 29 - July 2 with the second group of property owners in the

buyout program. He said owners contacted in group Dear said he anticipates needs without having to

> travel outside of the city. this to Elba."

Bringing the new expanded STC to Elba did not come without some competition, according to Street-

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Coffee County BOE amends 2020-2021 school calendar with with students returning to school Monday, Aug. 10th

inspections and asbestos

by Linda Hodge, Editor

of Education met Thursday, year under special guide-June 25, at noon for a called lines dealing with COVIDmeeting, and several per- 19, the superintendent sonnel matters were ap- recommended amending the proved, including the 2020-2021 school year. This acceptance of four teacher was approved by the board. resignations.

Superintendent Kevin Killtions included:

• Brenna Kokoszka – Elementary School

Elementary School

band director at Kinston

Kinston School [he also was the various sanitation procethe baseball coach for the dures that will be in place school].

The board also approved two new hires, including: • Kayla Fitzpatrick -

Elementary School • Stephanie Sidanyez –

The Coffee County Board ing the 2020-2021 school

Killingsworth said he felt The personnel rec- it would be a good idea to ommendations came from implement additional professional development and ingsworth to board sanitation training for members, and the resigna- teachers prior to the students returning to school. Therefore, he recommended teacher at New Brockton moving the start date for students back to Monday, • Whitney Yarbrough - Aug. 10, for the new school teacher at New Brockton year. Teachers will report to school for professional de-• Stephen Van Winkle - velopment and other train-

ing on Monday, Aug. 3rd. "We are doing this to get • Daniel Hart - teacher at our teachers prepared for this school year," Killingsworth said.

The amended calendar has the last day for students teacher at New Brockton for the 2020-2021 school

year being May 27, 2021. Killingsworth said with teacher at New Brockton the changes, the calendar

still allows the schools to get the state required 1,080 Taking into account starteducational hours in for student throughout the school

> The superintendent said he had been at the state superintendent's conference earlier last week, and he lie ahead. Some of them we said there probably were

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"I've been talking with Tim Johnson [regarding this pomercial site where future eight months now. He has been very influential in helping me, and I truly believe he wants what is best

"I'm very excited,"

Currently Southern Tracsite as Gene's Auto Sales in Elba, but once the new construction is completed down the road on Highway 84, it will be much more than a tractor sales business.

Andy Pugh, store manager for Southern Tractor in Elba, said the new Southern Tractor Company [STC] is going to be a lot like Tractor Supply meets Ace Hard-

"People are dying to do business with people in Elba," Pugh said. "With this new store, it will be nice for our citizens to be able to not have to travel 30-minutes to buy weed killer and other

According to Streetman, the new Southern Tractor Company will include a 10,000 sq. ft. retail store along with a 30,000 sq. ft. tractor dealership. Also, he said he is leaving room on the property for other announcements in the future.

'Where do you go in Elba buy anything after 5

p.m.?" Streetman asked. He said STC would offer a little bit of everything for the home, except cold groceries. He said his plans are for the store to be open well after 5 p.m. to allow Elba citizens plenty of time to shop for their household

"It's going to be a lot like a Rural King home and farm store," Streetman said. "I'm just excited to bring

Thursday, July 2, 2020

This rendering shows the store design for the new Southern Tractor Company facility that owner Blake Streetman has planned to be constructed on the land he is acquiring along U S Hwy 84 between the Coleman Funeral Home and Pope Tent sites in Elba. This new facility will house a 10,000 sq ft retail store [home, garden and more] and a 30,000 sq ft tractor dealership. Streetman said he is very excited about this project

After state super releases "Roadmap to Reopening Schools"

Elba City Schools superintendent discusses plans now in motion for reopening in August

by Linda Hodge, Editor

tendent Dr. Eric Mackey can it even presented his "Roadmap to anticipate all "I am excited to Elba Schools. Reopening Schools," and questions that the 46-page document re- will arise. be able to open "I am excited to be able vealed the plan the state has This doc- up to open up to designed for allowing Ala- ument will, teachers and stu- our teachers

open in August. The plan basically devel- s c h o o l Elba oped three methods of leaders, sup-learning for students - Tra- port staff, and Schools superin- "I know there are still conditional [student attend health profes- tendent Chris cerns, and I asclasses on campus], Remote sionals in Moseley said. "I sure all that we [students attend classes re- planning for motely using a variety of the upcoming know there are daily to try and virtual and paper resources] school year. It still concerns, make our learning, and Blended [students transition between transition of the learning, and Blended [students transition between transition of the learning, and Blended [students transition between transition of the learning and learni ditional and remote and ideas, re- that we are work- all who choose back again based on need search, ex-and preference learning. perience, and moseley and preference] learning. perience, and The document also identi- expertise of and make our said Dr. Macfied various essential, guid- dozens of schools as safe as key spoke ance, and consideration educators, possible for all daily at the state super-

pare to reopen. Mostly, though, the Dr. and logistics turn."

2020-2021 school year, we know that many challenges can anticipate but new ones are bound to arise along the

Mackey let it be known that specialists. local school boards and su- While we ciding the best plans that

way," Dr. Mackey said

City of Elba offices can assist

citizens in filling out 2020 Census

City of Elba officials have announced that several city

offices would be open throughout the month of July to

assist citizens with filling out their 2020 Census infor-

Anyone needing assistance in filling out the Census

information, can make an appointment with Elba City

Hall each Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.; the

Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Mondays and

Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m.; and at the Elba Public Li-

brary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. There will be someone available to assist with this

To make an appointment at Elba City Hall call 897-

City officials said it is very important that all citizens

complete the 2020 Census form. Currently, the Elba area

is only showing about a 50 percent response.

2333; Elba Chamber call 897-3125; or the Elba Public

information based on appointments.

Library call 897-6921.

perintendents would be have done all that we can to making his roadmap an-

best benefit their individual map to Reopening Schools, would most likely have sevschools as the new year it is still a living document eral more webinars, etc. for "Looking forward to the revisions throughout the the month of July as schools school year." On Monday of this week, Elba City Schools superin-

Due to the ongoing Elba. COVID-19 concerns and

officials have limited this past, and there were conworks only event.

The fireworks show, presented by Mike Holderfield, will begin promptly at 9 to the changes, Holderfield from the old Foggy Bottom football field in downtown Elba.

It is requested that everyone watch from their vehicles rather than gather in large groups for the fireworks show. Parking will be available in all public areas around the old football field, and throughout downtown

"This [Roadmap to Reopen- tendent Chris Moseley dising Schools] planning doc- cussed the recent announce-Last Friday, June 26, state ument is not intended to ments made by Dr. Mackey board of education superin- answer all questions, nor and how he sees the plan

bama public schools to re-open in August. however, as-sist educators, dents this fall," and students fall," fall," City Moseley said. are working

> professionals, who choose to re- intendent's conference and prior to

charged with ultimately de- pull together these pieces nouncement on Friday. He into a consolidated Road- said Mackey also noted he that will require updates and superintendent's throughout

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Elba's 4th of July event will be fireworks only

Elba Chamber director need to continue to practice Sandy Bynum said the Let social distancing, Elba Freedom Ring event has Chamber and City of Elba been highly attended in the year's 4th of July event [Let tinued concerns of being Freedom Ring] be a fire- able to keep proper social distancing for the crowd if the event was held as normal. Therefore, knowing the fireworks show is the main p.m. on the 4th of July. Due attraction of the event, it was decided to host only the will shoot the fireworks fireworks this year. She encourages all to attend!

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Be the person your dog thinks you are." - J W Steph

This idea of being politically correct in everything has no end. On Saturday we received an e-mail announcing that real estate agents in Texas would no longer describe the biggest, best equipped bedroom as the 'master' bedroom. It will be forever more be the 'primary' bedroom. Well that is until it becomes unfashionable to designate one bedroom as better, or more important, than the others. The younger generations in our society can handle these 'political correct' changes in our everyday language, but many of us senior citizens will still think in terms like, 'master bedroom' and 'Aunt Jemima' syrup without realizing it is not politically correct and/or may be offensive to many of our per-

In spite of what our friends and each of us 'wish' were happening, the COVID-19 virus is spreading all across America like wildfire. New cases are being reported in record numbers. Hospitals are reporting a surge in ICU beds being filled with the coronavirus patients, government leaders well in cities and states - are reassessing their recent actions to reopen the economy and relaxing rules on public gatherings. Tuesday morning Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, warned that the number of new infections in the United States could more than double to 100,000 a day if the country fails to contain the surge that is now underway in many states. We wonder if by the time you are reading this if Alabama's Governor Kay Ivey will have reissued her rules on close interaction between members of the public. We joked about her reopening the beauty salons within a week or so of closing them, simply because she is a woman and is accustomed to her regular surely coming sooner or later.

Blake Streetman is an inspiring person to listen to when he is talking about the potential for business and industry in Elba. He has done his homework, has the data to back up his optimistic talk – and his actions. Right now he is moving forward with building a modern building for his exploding tractor business. Blake plans to sell you the tractor, repair it when you warp an axle, etc., and sell you other needed supplies while you are waiting on your repaired tractor. He is also pumping up other business prospects to establish a business in Elba. Now that is a great cheerleader in action simply because . . . he believes in and loves Elba.

Alabama has a Primary run-off election coming up on July 14th. If any of our readers plan to vote an absentee ballot, they have until July 9th to get their application for such a ballot filed. That is next week! There are only a few races on the ballot and we predict a very lot turnout of voters. That will give those of us who do make the trip to the polls July 4, in her favorite place even more influence in the country's future. Ouch, that can - Elba. Ala.

July 4th, Independance Day, is upon us this week. Along with all the unrest in America, we need to take time and give thanks that we can express our opinions on politics, the price of eggs, the weather, etc., and be resaonably sure that we will not be jailed or face a firing squad for our opinions. The government doesn't force families to have abortions after reaching a certain number of children, nor does the overlord assign young girls to loyal supporters as 14 and 15 year old brides.



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The Elba Splash Pad reopened last weekend, much to the delight of a number of young-'fix'. Well she did open those and lots of other businesses, sters. In the above picture Colton Johns, age 19 months, had the entire pad to himself Satbut we suggest women get their new hairdo or men get their urday afternoon, June 27, and took full advantage of the various water sprays and the much-needed haircut ASAP because another shutdown is shallow puddles of water on the pad itself. He ran from one outlet to another with his mother, Kelley Johns, in constant pursuit.

A check back on Sunday afternoon revealed that a number of other children and/or parents had discovered the Splash Pad was now open for public use.

Ms. Johns said she stumbled on the splash pad and knowing how her son loved the water, she immediately took advantage of the water features. She said they had just moved to the Kinston area from Little Rock, Ark. and were really enjoying their new surroundings.

Holiday Closing

THE CITY OF ELBA OF-FICES WILL BE **CLOSED** Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The garbage truck will its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. As always, to report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

NOTICE:

The 46-page "Roadmap to Reopening Schools" released last Friday, June 26, by Alabama Superintendent of **Education Dr. Eric** Mackey can be viewed

or downloaded from the state department of education website:

www.alsde.edu

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder Editor's Note: This column is intended to add a bit of humor to our daily lives...Read for enjoyment.

Cuzin Lou Lou is excited to be able to watch the local fireworks display Saturday,

States. Elba native Mike Holderfield is the magician behind the beautiful display, and Lou Lou is convinced his show rivals any across the nation!

Cuzin Lou Lou just received word earlier this Holderfield will set up this year in the downtown area of Elba will be slightly different than the past years; therefore, she encourages everyone to plan accordingly, especially since it is being requested that all park and watch from their vehicles rather than gath-

ering together in large Don't Forget to



The fireworks will light up the sky as they are shot from the center of the old Foggy Bottom football field Lou Lou looks forward to in the downtown area. This this display each year in spot will surely offer plenty celebration of Independ- of places for everyone to ence Day for the United park around the area to watch the display.

Cuzin Lou thinks it might be a good idea to come early to find the best spots...maybe run through the drive-thru of one of the town's restaurants and pick up some burgers or an ice week that the location cream to enjoy while waiting for the big show!

> The event may be smaller than in past years, but Lou Lou is willing to bet that Holderfield will give everyone a show to remember, just as he has done in the

So... enjoy the day with your family grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, go for a swim in the pool or visit the Splash Pad in Elba [it's open now for the summer!], and then Saturday evening head on downtown and kick back, relax and enjoy the show!!

Happy Independence Day, America! Let's light up the sky Saturday night in Elba, Alabama in celebra-

Until next time...Have a safe and happy 4th of July – God Bless and Keep Smil-

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Elba Police Report

ment, between Tuesday, June 23, and Monday, June

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 -Criminal mischief reported at 431 Court Ave (1:20 p.m.); Domestic complaint were three traffic stops re- ported at the Elba Laundrowarnings and one no action

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 – Fire alarm reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (2:31 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 560 Adkinson Ave (12:04 p.m.); Fire service call reported on Lee St (12:05 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1584 Caroline St (7:34 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 - Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported (3:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy (3:17 p.m.); Shots fired reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (4:06 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2332 Dr. Roberts Dr (5:47 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with each receiving a

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 -Theft of property reported at 342 Court Ave N (8:08 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Taylor Mill Rd (1:47 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops reported on this date with four warnno action taken.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - Suspicious circumstances warnings issued.

The Elba Police Depart- reported on Putnam St (12:33 a.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St 29, 2020, conducted the fol- (8:37 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1567 Gibson St (11:31 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1950 Reese Ave (4:56 p.m.); Disturbance reat 122 Angie St in Kinston, ported at 442 County Rd Ala. (8:04 p.m.). There 263 (5:08 p.m.); Fight reported on this date with two mat on Davis St (6:01 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 4035 Hwy 125 resulted in an arrest (7:25 p.m.); Assault reported at the Elba Shell store on Claxton Ave N (8:54 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date resulting in advice given.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 -Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at the Elba Food Giant on Claxton Ave (7:19 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at Davis St E and Rainbow Dr (12:22 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (12:56 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date and both resulted in warnings.

MONDAY, JUNE 29 -Prowler reported on Taylor Ave (3:58 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 213 Davis St E (9:12 a.m.); Harassment reported at 839 Troy Hwy (2:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1043 Elm Ave (5:54 p.m.); Prowler reported on County Rd 263 (8:52 p.m.); Fight reported at 1026 Caroline St (10:20 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Reynolds ings, one citation, and two Ave (10:38 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with





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man and Pugh. They each said there was a strong push from nearby Enterprise for Streetman to develop in that

"Honestly, it would have been more beneficial to go to Enterprise considering the amount of walk-in traffic [the larger city] would have brought," Streetman said, "But, I wasn't helping my hometown out by going to Enterprise, and I didn't want to leave Elba."

Pugh agreed saying it is a bigger gamble to develop in Elba, but he said they really wanted the business to stay in Elba if at all possible.

"Enterprise was the safer choice [for business]," Pugh said. "We chose Elba because we love Elba, and the city officials were all so helpful."

Pugh, a native of Geneva, said he had lived in Elba for about 10 years now, and he said he and his family love being in Elba.

"My kids are going to go to school in Elba. Blake's kids go to school in Elba," he said. "We hope this sparks interest for others to build here too."

Pugh said places like Andalusia, Alabama had grown by leaps and bounds over the past several years because the city figured out a way to help business develop and grow. He said the same could happen in Elba, and he hopes the new STC development will be the beginning of a new trend for the city.

"We feel like this could be a contagious thing," Pugh said. "The city has been super helpful and wonderful to work with on this project. They see the poten-

Streetman said he is hoping his investment in Elba will lead to others doing the same. He said he loves his hometown and wants to see

"Nothing I've done over the last five years came to me," he said. "I went out and sought it. Business is

tors, and James T. Ramage

III. chairman of the First

holding company of Troy

Bank and Trust Company

First National Bank of

In connection with the

has acquired First National

been serving the financial needs of Pike County for a

combined 230 years," said

Brundidge was founded in

1904, and prior to the

now operates 13 banking

offices in Pike, Dale, Cof-

counties, including its main

As of June 15, 2020, Troy

office in Troy.

Brundidge (FNBB).

Bank of Brundidge.

change."

"Honestly, would have been more beneficial to go to Enterprise considering the amount of walk-in traffic [the larger city] would have brought," STC Blake owner Streetman said, "But, I wasn't helping my hometown out by going to Enterprise, and I didn't want to

not going to come to a small town like Elba...Elba has to go out and get it."

leave Elba."

Streetman said this plan was not an overnight idea. He said he has put numerous hours and lots of money into research to help him realize what will and will not work. He said he knows he can make this work, and he said having the full support of the city is a big deal.

Southern Tractor Company will be the retail name of the new store with Southern Tractor LLC remaining the tractor dealership. Streetman said this new venture will bring a minimum of 20 new jobs to Elba once the new store opens, but when everything is up and running that number could increase to 30-35 new jobs or more.

"I am really looking forward to it," Streetman said. "I know it will work. I have studied and studied. I do not want to fail."

Another thing both Streetman and Pugh agree is working in their favor is their recent acceptance of Jesus Christ into their lives.

"The best thing that has ever happened to me was hiring Ralph Bradley," Streetman said. "He has changed my life."

been a spiritual inspiration to both he and Streetman. He said they both recently joined the church, and they ALBIRTHA PERSON now truly see that great WISLETT things are happening in their lives because of God...not because of what they do.

Bradley said over the re- family. cent quarantine time, both Streetman and Pugh acwould be baptized as soon turns to being able to per- terprise directing. form those services.

there every Sunday with Springs, Ala. them. During that time, they each accepted Christ.

work," Streetman said. "It's unbelievable now what has accepting Jesus. I am just more at peace with everything and things just work."

Southern Tractor recently expanded to Troy, Alabama as well. Streetman acquired Sansom Tractor in Troy about a year ago and has now opened it as a Southern Tractor location.

He retained the same employees from Sansom Tractor, and recently hired Elba resident Khris Smith to manage that location.

Pugh said they would eventually like to do in Troy what is now happening in Elba, as well.

Looking ahead, Pugh and Streetman said it would probably take 12-16 months for the construction of the new facility in Elba. Until opening day, however, they said they remain excited and optimistic about the fu-

Streetman said he hopes this is just a starting point for Elba's economic growth. Southern Tractor currently sells tractors, lawn mowers, side by side atvs, and a full line of lawn care

implements. Pugh said Bradley had

Two local banks announce completion of merger Sherrill Crowe, chairman Bank & Trust had total as- cess, but as we've said from of the Henderson Banc- sets of approximately \$990 shares Inc. Board of Direc- million. The combined post-transaction size of Troy Bank & Trust is ap-Brundidge Bancshares Inc. proximately \$1.08 billion in Board of Directors, an- total assets. It is expected nounce the completion of that all current locations

"I am as excited about this merger as I was when (TB&T), with First Brun- we announced it in October didge Bancshares Inc., the 2017. From our loyal cusholding company of The tomers, to the officers and staff, to our shareholders and the communities we serve, this merger presents a merger, Troy Bank & Trust tremendous opportunity for President & CEO of First "These two banks have National Bank of Brundidge. "Given that my great-great grandfather founded FNBB and my father led the Bank for over Crowe. "We both take great pride in serving our cus- 50 years, the decision to tomers and that will never merge with TB&T was made with a great deal of First National Bank of thought, discussion and prayer. TB&T shares a culture with FNBB of strong,

Bank & Trust's team."

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ward to working with Troy

the merger between Hen- will remain open after the derson Bancshares Inc., the merger until further notice.

merger, operated offices in independent banking, focus-Brundidge and in Troy, with ing on the communities we assets of approximately \$91 serve. This merger will million. As a result of the make us one of the strongest merger, Troy Bank & Trust community banks in the Southeast. I, along with First National Bank of fee, Houston and Lee Brundidge's staff, look for-

"This has been a long pro-

sition of First National Bank avoid putting anyone at risk of Brundidge, we create op- during this precarious time. portunity and growth, allow- The absolute last thing we ing Troy Bank & Trust to wanted was to contribute to better serve our community the spread of the coronaviwith increased lending rus. In addition, ALEA's limits, access to a broader Driver License Division is range of products and serv- striving to alleviate the accuices, and a more expansive mulation of a COVID-19-regeographic footprint," said lated backlog, and it will Crowe. "We look forward continue to utilize new and to working with the officers, innovative procedures to reall" said John R. Ramage, employees, and customers duce the congestion at of First National Bank of Driver License offices Brundidge to make this en- throughout the state." deavor successful."

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Obituaries

Mrs. Albirtha Person Wislett, age 89, died June 17, 2020, surrounded by her

Graveside services were held June 27, at Marianna cepted Christ. He said they AME Cemetery, Midway, Ala., with Coleman Funeral as Ino Baptist Church re- Home & Crematory of En-

Streetman and Pugh were January 18, 1952 in Union atives and friends.

She attended Marianna AME School and later at-"I've never been afraid of tended The Barbour County School System.

She is preceded in death happened in my life since by her loving parents - Eli-

safety a top priority.

The division closed its offices to the public on Friday, March 27; however, emhealth and safety of both its customers and employees during the pandemic.

After Governor Kay Ivey issued a Safer at Home Order, ALEA's Driver License Division began a "soft opening" at 13 locations across the state on Monday, May 4. In the following weeks, the agency gradually reopened other offices. By Monday, June 29, 95% (69 of its 73 locations) were open to menting safety procedures with an instructor. and adhering to all COVIDthe beginning, the customer-transaction. first approaches of both

ALEA's Secretary Hal TB&T and FNBB have Taylor said, "We meticumade this a natural fit. From lously and strategically dethe opening of our doors in veloped a plan to reopen our 1906, to this strategic acqui- Driver License offices to

Crosby, Arilla McCall and Minnie Herron.

Survivors include her daughter: Sharon W. Rogers, Ozark, Ala.; three Antionne D. Winston, San Diego, Calif., Jessica (Anthony) Malone, Daleville, Ala., and Alexis Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.; two greatgrandchildren: Montez Albirtha Winslett was and Layla; five sisters: Bradley said his family born to the late Elijah and Maureen Salter, Emma Jean had church by the pond on Minnie Person on October Person, Mary B. Guilford, his family's property during 29, 1930 in Clayton, Ala. Dorothy Jackson, Columthe time the church was She was joined in Holy bus, Ohio and Marie closed for the safe-at-home Matrimony to the late Streeter, Clayton; and a host quarantine, and he said both Walter Lee Winslett on of nieces, nephews, rel-

CHARLES COON

Mr. Charles Coon, age

66, died June 23, 2020. He was born on Feb. 1, 1954. Charles taught drafting at MacArthur/LBW for jah and Minnie Person, and many years and was welthree sisters - Evelyn comed into retirement by ALEA resumes normal driver license operations

Despite the challenges of early May, 66.244 customers COVID-19, the Alabama have received face-to-face Law Enforcement Agency's service in Driver License of-Driver License Division has fices, and 98,167 online cuscontinued to serve the cit- tomers were served between izens of the state of Alabama March 16 and June 19. while resuming face-to-face ALEA saw a significant inoperations and making crease in online transactions, whereas in 2019, only 33,337 were served.

On Monday, June 2, the agency resumed Class D ployees continued to provide Road/Skills tests on a limservices to the public via ited basis. Between June 2 phone, email and online. and June 19,5,544 road tests ALEA was able to ensure it were completed, which is an did not compromise the increase of 115% as compared to the same period in 2019. Currently, Driver License personnel have administered 6,922 Class D Road/Skills tests for regular driver licenses and 706 Commercial Driver License Skills tests. Another 8,000 customers have been served through ALEA's partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education to streamline the Yellow Card/Vessel License process the public. ALEA will ensure for 16-year-old students who the public's safety by imple- passed the required road test

For daily updates on 19 guidelines during each Driver License offices around the state, visit: https://www.alea.gov/dps/dr

his former colleagues.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Piney Grove Cemetery, Opp, Ala., with Colegrandchildren: Captain man Funeral Home & Crematory of Elba direct-

He was preceded in death by his father and mother -Garfield and Gladys Coon; and brothers - Clenon Coon and Willie Coon.

Survivors include his children: Amy D Coon, Sarah Bowman (Brad), Richard Coon and Brandy Brannon; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister: Dorothy 'Penny Daniels (Dan); brother: John A Coon (Ann); his special friend: Mame Conyers; along with several nieces and nephews.

DALLAS O. TERRY

Mr. Dallas O. Terry, age 60, died June 20, 2020.

Born on December 10, 1959 to Lousie Terry and Tommy 'ToTo' Evans Jr., Dallas worked for Bonnie Plant Farm for almost 24

Graveside services were held Thursday, June 26, at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Ariton, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

He was preceded in death by his mother - Louise

Survivors include his daughter: Dallasia Terry and step-daughter: Kali Terry of Ozark, Ala.; seven sisters: Teresa Brantley, Ariton, Mable Green and Pamela Evans, both of Ozark, Patricia Williams, Rome, Ga., JoAnn Thomas, Brundidge, Ala., Angela Williams, Augusta, Ga., and Tommie Mae Dorn-Saluda, SC; six brothers: Bobby Terry, Ariton, Roy Terry, Dennis Evans, and Kenneth Evans, all of Brundidge, Alphonza Evans, Arcadia, Fla., and

Douglas Evans, Troy, Ala.; two loving friends: Nelson Senn and Michelle Lee; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



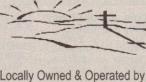
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are subtle differences between a man's funeral arrangement and voman's funeral arrangement. Though flowers have a traditionall minine association, in reality, floral arrangements are a beautiful way o express sympathy regardless of whether the deceased was a man or a woman. They can add warmth and light to a space, and are a visua reminder that family members and friends are there to provide suppor

<u>Choosing an arrangement for a man</u>
When you are trying to select a floral arrangement to honor the life of a man who has passed away, you have options that contain a more nasculine motif in both the type and color of flowers that are featured n the display. A viable option for a funeral flower arrangement for a male eatures a simple standing spray with just a few color variations, includ ng red or white. A simple yet elegant display is the perfect choice to nonor the life of the man. Common types of flowers that are used in an arrangement for a male's funeral include red, orange, white, blue, or vellow roses. Some people also choose to incorporate chrysanthe nums, as they typically symbolize grief and come in masculine colors.

Choosing an arrangement for a woman In order to express your sympathies over the death of someone's mother, wife, or daughter, consider selecting a floral arrangement that comes in pastel or more feminine shades. An arrangement for a woman who has passed tends to be more stylized in design, and may use flowers like roses, chrysanthemums, and carnations. Shades that work well for a female arrangement include pink, lavender, and yellow.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net 431 East Davis Elba, Alabama 36323 (334) 897-22

Protecting religious freedoms

As we celebrate July Fourth this year, we will probably honor the heroes who have fought, and those who fight now, to secure and protect our country and our freedoms. This is good, because freedom is one of those qualities that must be cated at 9757 Hwy. 189 S, what he has taken away forever guarded.

I would like to dedicate this week's article to the struggle for religious freedom and people who put their lives on the line in order to provide freedom of conscience for themselves and for those who came after them.

Every liberty we have is precious. Religious liberty is one which we take too much for granted. Citizens of the American colonies could not assume so much.

Many immigrants to the colonies came because they expected less persecution in America than they received in their native lands. But for a long time, what they could expect was not religious liberty, but religious toleration, or perhaps, intoleration.

Roger Williams' booklet, "The Bloody Tenet of Persecution," and John Clarke's "Ill News from New England," alerted the 6-ft. distancing in place people of England that religious freedom was still a dream in colonial America.

What colonists could usually expect was a legal demand that radio transmission]. they support a "state church" along with an option for worship according to conscience. Since those who opted for worship other than the accepted form were often in the minority, they frequently were mocked, blacklisted, and even persecuted for their dissent. The well-worn phrase about the separation be-vehicle in the church parktween church and state reflects the early dissatisfaction of a ing lot and tune their radio particular church being favored and supported by the state.

Even in the notable year of 1776, the Virginia Assembly was to the service. presented a petition with about 10,000 signatures, requesting the elimination of a state supported church and the removal of reliar. a.m. worship service will be gious oppression. Thomas Jefferson later remarked of that sest the only service at the sion: After desperate contests almost daily from the 11th of church currently due to con-October to the 5th of December, we prevailed so far only as to tinued COVID-19 safety repeal the laws which rendered criminal the maintenance of any religious opinions, the forbearance of repairing to church or the exercise of any mode of worship; and further, to exempt dissenters from contributions to the support of the established church; and to suspend, only until the next session, levies on the members of that church for the salaries of their own incumbents. For although the majority of our citizens were dissenters, as has been observed, a majority of the legislature were churchmen. Among these, however, were some reasonable and liberal men, who enabled us, on some points, to obtain feeble majorities.

This victory for religious liberty was still only a partial one. According to historian Robert Baker, the Anglican Church could continue to levy taxes for the relief of the poor and only Anglican ministers could perform marriage ceremonies in Virginia. Years passed before dissenting religious leaders had the legal status of their counterparts in the established church.

What American today can really sympathize with the religious people of the 17th and 18th centuries, who were taxed, beaten, harassed, fined, run off and possibly killed because they dared to worship according to their convictions and thereby "stepped to the tune of a different drummer?"

It was concern over this matter that prompted James Madison in 1773 to write to a friend:

There are, at this time in the adjacent country, not less than five or six well-meaning men in close jail for publishing their religious sentiments, which, in the main, are very orthodox.

I have neither the patience to hear, talk or think of anything relative to this matter; for I have squabbled and scolded, abused and ridiculed, so long about it, to little purpose, that I am without common patience. So I must beg you to pity me, and pray for liberty of conscience to all.

The freedom to worship according to conscience is a blessing beyond words. We must cherish it. We must honor those who have brought it about. We must ensure that this privilege be the possession of all people today and of our children in days to come.

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Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Wed. Night Service .7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . 6:30 p.m.

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even Worship 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed, Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor unday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . 11:00 a.m.

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2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH

BETHANY BAPTIST

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

. . 6:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship. . . .11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m

CHURCH NEWS

Basin Baptist Church plans 10 a.m. Sunday worship beginning July 5th

church sanctuary Sunday, July 5, for morning worship

Social distancing measures will be implemented for this worship service with deacons seating the congregation. Also, the fellowship hall will be used for spillover if more attend than the sanctuary will hold due to [those in the fellowship hall will hear the service via

Anyone wanting to attend the service but is concerned about gathering inside the buildings can stay in their in to 90.5 FM to also listen

The Sunday morning 10 precautions. Wearing of face masks is encouraged for all who attend the service in-

"I hope you will make every effort to be at Basin Baptist Church at 10 this Sunday morning," said pastor Dr. Sam Self. "We are

Basin Baptist Church, lo- tacking back from satan Elba, plans to reopen its from us over the past few months.'

> Self said while the church Shepherd of His people. is planning to return to in- Psalm 23: 1-6 door services, the congregation would continue to Thinking of You! Praying practice social distancing for You. ures in place to help prevent sell Coleman, Inez B. Long, version of the service, Kelley, Corene Daniels which will be uploaded to on Sunday afternoon.

AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

> Church News is Due on Mondays

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and have other safety meas- Alice Musgrove, Rose Rusthe spread of COVID-19. Rev. Wendell Williams, Pas-Also, the church will contor Brian and Sister Tanisha tinue to publish an online Brunson, Betty Moore, Rell

saries

Ethel Horstead 6/25 Lotofia Culver 6/25 Carmella Rayborn Gregory

Crystal Sowell Wright 6/26 (in memory) 6/26

Rashad Robinson 6/26 Eloise Caldwell 6/27 (in memory) Claudine Hammonds Kelley Jesus.

6/28 Linda Tillis 6/29 Willie and Jeanette Tillis 6/29 W.A. Jonas Rogers 6/29 Robyn Patterson 6/29 Jordan Bryant 6/29

** A Paralyzed Man

Margaret Williams 6/29

I love this account of four 59 men who brought their para- Q: To what group did John be found in Jesus. It seems diers) or (scribes). they were determined. A: Tax collectors! Luke 3: Nothing could discourage 12 & 13 them from their mission.

They brought the man to the Thought to Remember house but could not even get Do no wrong to the powerin the door because of the less crowd. They climbed to the this paralyzed man up with 7/2/2020 them. Then they tore a hole Use Your Concordance lowered through it. Next, by sheer strength they lowered written. There the paralyzed man re- Jesus? ceived the things he needed sins and healing for his

friends those four men must have been! They were willing to go to almost any length to see that their friend made it into the presence of Jesus. Folks, we have friends that need to experience the presence of Christ. It is just as important that they come in contact with Jesus as it was for this para-

the church Facebook page June Birthdays / Anniver- Are we the same type of friends as these four men were? Four friends carried a man to the place where Jesus was, hauled the man upon a roof, tore a hole in the roof and lowered that man to Jesus. They went Malcolm A. Hutchinson through all that simply to ensure that their friend came in contact with Christ. May we be as loving toward our friends who need to meet

Q/A for the Week of 6/25/20

Q: A would-be disciple told Jesus that he first wanted to go and (comfort) (help) or (bury) is father?

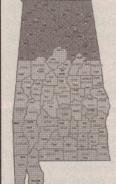
A: The man wanted to go and bury his father. Luke 9:

lyzed friend to Jesus. The say: "Exact no more than four men knew the help the that which is appointed paralyzed man needed could you? (tax collector) (sol-

roof and somehow hoisted Questions for the Week of

in the roof of the house big Q: Name the three lanenough that a man could be guages in which the title above Jesus' cross was

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Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:15 p.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Phillip Box, Minister

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Services Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY Diana White, Pastor

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. . 6:00 p.m Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

ELBA UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor

Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD IN Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.

FAITH CHAPEL Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

HAM UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship 8:45 a.m. HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirlie Ellis, Pastor Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed, Even, Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH. Sat. Service 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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Wed. Prayer Meeting. .6:30 p.m. OF GOD IN CHRIST -INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship . . 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening 7:00 p.m. NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor

Wed. Prayer Service . . 7:15 p.m. KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service . . .9:45 a.m. Sunday Service . . .10:30 a.m. Wed. Youth Service . . 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service 6:00 p.m. LIBERTY CHURCH OF

Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m. Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . Wed. Service 5:00 p.m. MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. MT. ZION BAPTIST Kevin Byrd, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Linda Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m. NEW BROCKTON METH-Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m. NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

OF GOD IN CHRIST James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn, Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. NEW HAVEN BAPTIST

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m. NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY

Brad Sasser, Pastor

Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m. NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OAK GROVE BAPT CHURCH 1st. - 4th Sun. Morn. Morn. Worship11:00 a.m.

METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Morn. Worship 11:00 a m

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-Terry McCrummen, Pastor

WORSHIP CENTER Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . .

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m. ROCKY HEAD M.B. A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m. James Boots, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m

> CHURCH Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

THE WAY OF HOLINESS Max Reed, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS Donald Mills, Pastor

VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m Wed. Prayer Meet. . 7:00 p.m.

Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship 12:00 a.m. Wed Bible Class. . . 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. . 7:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service . 6:00 p.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST

Wed. Prayer Meet . 6:30 p. m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. WOODLAND GROVE Donnie Marler, Pastor

SEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor

Even. Service 6:00 p.m ZOAR COMMUNITY John Isaacs, Pastor

lyzed man.

Question / Answer Section

the man into the house, into Q: What request did the the presence of Christ. thief on the cross as of

> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m Wed. Service 7:00 p.m ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST Cary Maulden, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

LIFESTYLES



Dennis and Sue (Craft) Johnson celebrate 50 years of marriage

at their Athens, Alabama teacher. residence.

Kimberly Gross of Pearl Mississippi, Dr. Wesley Johnson of Selma, Alabama, and Kelli Taylor of Vancleave, Mississippi.

The couple was married at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama on June 27, 1970.

Dennis' parents were Irvin and Margaret Johnson, and Sue's parents were George and Vergie Craft, all of Elba. The couple has 11 grandchildren.

News from the **New Hope Senior Citizens** Center:

Citizens Center is offering a or were the grandparents or Pick-Up / Drive-In Service great grandparents of past for daily meals, due to the and present alumni or others current COVID-19 pan- in the community or in other

liver meals to those who are ognition page for the 2020 home participants," said class with pictures because center director Conzuella of the most unusual year Banks. "If you are interested they and other seniors enin being on our fill in list dured because of the temporarily and later transi- COVID-19 pandemic. tion to part time or full time The book is 393 pages, tact me."

calling (334) 735-5433.

step by step," she said.

Dennis and Sue (Craft) Both are now retired from date will now happen! Johnson celebrated 50 years their careers - Dennis of marriage on Friday, June worked for General Motors the Foggy Bottom Cruisers

The celebration was versary celebration were Public Library. hosted by their children, family members, including Sue's brother Jerry Craft, sin' Car Show, which is held formerly of Elba.

ZC Alumni Association selling historical book

Association is selling a historical book containing information shared by alumni, as well as others affiliated with the school, including teachers. This is being done as a fundraiser for the scholarship program and other necessities to benefit the school and the students at Zion Chapel.

The book focuses on the beginning of the school and what follows, including how different school was at that time compared to today. The primary years include the late 40's, the 50's, 60's, and some 70's [and could have The New Hope Senior pictures of alumni that are areas]. A last minute ad-"We will continue to de- dition is a special rec-

of this book will go to the "We are all in this to- Zion Chapel Alumni Assogether, and we will get ciation. Make checks paythrough it day by day and able to the Association in

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invites citizens to visit the election website. While there one can: *Obtain a voter registration application *Check registration status *View, download, and print a sample ballot *Find a polling location

*View the offices up for elections *View a current list of elected officials *Obtain an application to vote absentee, and much more

SARCOA implements telephone reassurance program for seniors

pandemic - a telephone reassurance program.

News from the Elba Public Library:

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

Maximum capacity for the building is five patrons, and there is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for

availability. Masks are required upon entering building. Please follow all posted guidelines. Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, July 11, in Elba

Bottom Cruisin' Car Show trucks of all makes and received new life recently as models. There also will be the date for the event was arts and crafts vendors on rescheduled to Saturday, site throughout the event. July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July

This event is hosted by 26, 2020 during a gathering and Sue was a school group, and all proceeds from the car show are do-Those attending the anni- nated to benefit the Elba

The Foggy Bottom Cruion the square in downtown

The Zion Chapel Alumni mailing address PO Box 56, Jack, AL 36346.

The association also has a Paypal account. The link is zcalumni@gmail.com. If it is desired the book be mailed include \$5 extra for the postage, along with the mailing address to send the book. Arrangements can also be worked out for books to be picked up.

For questions or other infomation, send an email to zcalumni@gmail.com.

The 2nd Annual Foggy Elba, will feature cars and Admission to the public is

> free! For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

> For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

Follow the Foggy Bottom Cruisers on Facebook @foggybottomcruisers.

THE CITY OF **ELBA OFFICES** WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. To report a life-threatening emer-

gency, call 911.



Alayna Issacs and Nathan Weeks

Miss Isaacs to wed Mr. Weeks

Georgia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Weeks.

granddaughter of Mrs. nersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Isaacs Brenda Yarberry of Ozark, of Elba, Alabama announce Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. the engagement of their Jack Isaacs of Connersville, daughter, Alayna Isaacs, to Indiana. She is also the Nathan Weeks of Colquitt, great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parr of Ozark, and the late Mr. and The bride-elect is the Mrs. George Duncil of Con-

She is a 2018 graduate of Penn Foster High School and is employed with her family's business in Elba.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Bert and Viola Cleveland of Colquitt, Wayne Weeks and the late Hilda Weeks of Col-

He is a 2017 graduate of Miller County High School and is employed in Bainbridge, Georgia.

The wedding will take place October 3, 2020, at 5 p.m. central time at Wilkes Cove in Ozark, with a re-

All friends and family of

Pictured left to right: Nelline Hudson Taylor, Annsley's maternal great grandmother; Charlotte Anderson, Annsley"s maternal grandmother; Donna Renfroe, mother of the ception to follow.

when centers reopen, con- and it covers a lot of infor- groom to be; the honoree; Dana Stinson Haley, mother of the honoree; Anna Padgett, stepmom of the honoree; Sylvia Padgett, paternal grandmother of the honoree, Alvernis Gal- the couple are invited to at-Banks can be reached by All profits from the sale imore, Annsley's step great grandmother; and Vicky Stinson, Annsley's step grandmother.

Annsley Padgett honored with 'come and go' bridal shower

with peach blooms rested

on a stand at one corner of

the registry table. Hanging

on the wall behind the table

was a vine wreath decorated

with spring flowers. A

After guests greeted the

honoree and registered, they

were invited to serve them-

selves from an array of

party dainties prepared in

the kitchens of several of

the hostesses. Brass ap-

pointments held cheese

Sunday afternoon, June miniature white roses. 14, 2020, was an exciting the amount of \$30. The time for Annsley Padgett, bride-elect of Taylor Renfroe. In keeping with the come and go shower in the burg lace tablecloth, held fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church.

Since Annsley has chosen

A wooden window frame décor.

decorated with white and peach colored flowers and greenery rested on an easel at the entry. A WELCOME banner was draped at the top of the frame. An arrangement of mixed cut hall. White tulle anchored Locally, Elba Senior Cit- with white roses was tied izens Center director Donna along the rail. The entry Falls said she can help sign door was adorned with a seniors up for this telephone white vine wreath decorated reassurance program. Also, with white flowers and greenery.

The honoree was radiant can call her at the center at in her delicate white dress

with an arrangement of Mrs. Zelda Mobley, mixed spring flowers and Annsley's kindergarten greenery. The vases were teacher and forever friend, tied with gold ribbon and presided at the guest reg- small gold confetti was COVID-19 mandates, Anns- istry. An antique oak table, sprinkled around the base of ley was honored with a draped with a white batten- the vases.

After enjoying food and the bride's wedding book fellowship, the guests and pen. A brass candelabra briefly viewed the many holding a white pillar can- useful and attractive gifts. an array of spring colors for dle and a canvas wrap of Anna Padgett and Bekah her wedding colors, these Annsley and Taylor's offi- Allen received, registered, colors were used to decorate cial engagement picture and displayed the gifts on for this celebratory occasion. completed the registry table the gift tables which were draped in white floor-A large angel leaf begonia length table covers.

Serving as hostesses for this special occasion were Jennifer Hughes, Gloria Moseley, Elaine Martin, Zelda Mobley, Callie Jones, Brenda Smith, Paula Bowmatching wreath hung over den, Vanessa Allen, Vonnie Sullivant, Hattie White, Judy Young, Lisa Stinson, Alvernis Galimore, Carolyn Smart, Debra Crosby, Anna Padgett, and Sylvia Pagett.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND **MEETINGS:**

ELBA CHAMBER AND CITY OF ELBA will host its annual 4th of July fireworks presentation on Saturday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in downtown Elba. The fireworks will be displayed from the old Foggy Bottom football field. All are asked to park and watch from their vehicle.

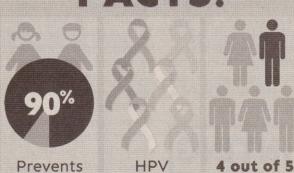
THE ELBA INDUS-TRIAL DEVEL-OPMENT BOARD will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 7, at 12 noon at Elba City Hall.

SARCOA [South Ala- ance-progam/] and complete

bama Regional Council on the form on that site. Simply Aging] has implemented a follow the instructions and new program to benefit sen- submit the form to SAR- flowers cascaded down the ior citizens during the con- COA. There is no age or in- corner of the rail leading to one of the many gift tables. COVID-19 come requirement, and the the door of the fellowship program is free.

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cally created by Anna Padgett. The base of each appointment, standing at various elevations, was nestled in peach tulle and gold lame fabric. A selection of the couple's engagement pictures, framed in gold frames, and tall brass candle holders holding white pillar candles accented the table decorations. A massive arrangement of mixed cut flowers, a gift from Annsley's Aunt Callie Jones, rested on the table adjacent to the brass

and roasted pecans.

and Savannah Johns ladled the punch. The guests were seated at tables covered with white linen cloths and centered

son and Misses Laura Allen



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NOTICE OF PUBLICA-

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granted to the undersigned

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quired to present the same

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16th day of June 2020

/s/Mary Agnes Coleman

Personal Representative

Council District 4, and City

duly enacted law or ordi-

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TION

Coffee County, Alabama

NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE second business day follow- election. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 30, 2007, executed by Clar-Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Society, FSB, Page 330, of the mortgage Mortgage Loan Trust F 7/2-2tpd records in the Office of the Transferee Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which Robert J. Wermuth/mgw mortgage was, duly trans-Stephens Millirons, P.C. ferred and assigned to Wil-P.O. Box 307 mington Savings Fund Huntsville, Alabama 35804 Society, FSB, as trustee for Attorney for Mortgagee Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, notice is hereby The Elba Clipper given that pursuant to law June 25, 2020, July 2, 2020, and the power of sale con-July 9, 2020 tained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at pub-In the Matter of lic outcry, to the highest bid-Agnes Lorene Coleman, Deceased.

> Lot 6, Block C, Forest Park Subdivision, an addition to Letters Testamentary of said the City of Enterprise, a map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 72, Office of the Judge 2020 by the Honorable

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foreclosure process. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certi- tor resides, will be author-

still more questions than answers regarding the start of the new school year. However, he said he is excited about the start of the year even though it is going to look different than it ever has before in his 30-year ca-

"We are doing all we can do to prepare for a safe start to the school year," Killingsworth said. "Each school system is going to have to do what it can to meet the needs of its students and teachers the best it can this school year."

(Continued from Page 1) Killingsworth did note that a parent/student survey had been sent out asking parents/students how they wanted to proceed for the prepare," he said. new school year. He said

of last Thursday's meeting]. Killingworth said, of the 1,100 responses the survey had received that just over 83 percent indicated they wanted a traditional platform [students attending classes on campus] for the school year while approximately 16.8 percent indicated they preferred a digital platform [student staying home and attending

only about 1,100 or the ap-

proximate 2,500 student

had responded thus far [as

Killingsworth said he would like to see more participation with the survey as the numbers [as of last Thursday] only represented about half of the school system's families.

online].

fied funds by noon on the ized to participate in the

ing the sale at the law firm The polls will be opened at of Stephens Millirons, P.C. Elba Church of Christ Felat 120 Seven Cedars Drive, lowship Hall located at 715 Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Troy Highway, Elba, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If necessary, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Wilmington Savings Fund Any qualified elector who will have resided within the as trustee for Stanwich municipality, or if the municipality is districted, within the district from which he or she seeks election, for a period of at least 90 days on election day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provided by law. The Municipal Election Manager will begin accepting Statement of Candidacy at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. No Statement of Candidacy for this election will be accepted later than Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

> /s/ Mickey Murdock Mickey Murdock - Mayor Date: June 23, 2020

ATTEST: /s/ Sally Bane Sally Bane

IN THE PROBATE of the Probate Court of Cof- COUNTY, ALABAMA fee County, Alabama, notice Elba Division

sons having claims against IN RE: The estate of TOMMY VANCE TYLER

Witness my hand this the PUBLICATION NOTICE Notice to: Zachary Tyler Address Unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Letters of Administration in the above-styled matter has been filed in said Court by Toby Tyler, Peti-Noticeishereby given that on tioner, and that the 25th day Tuesday, August 25, 2020, an of August, 2020, at 9:00 election for the purpose of a.m. has been set for hearing electing a Mayor and City on the same at the Coffee Council District 1, City County Courthouse in Elba, Council District 2, City Alabama. Please be advised Council District 3, City that if you intend to contest this, you MUST file a Council District 5 and the written response within other officers as pursuant to thirty (30) days hereof with council for said Petitioner. nance, or any or all of the whose name and address are officers, are to be elected at as shown below and with the election for the City of the Clerk of the said Probate Elba, Alabama, will be held, Court.

and that all registered and Submitted this 2nd day of

qualified electors of the June, 2020. corporate limits of Elba, Al- /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw abama, and have resided GARY D BRADSHAW therein for 30 days or more (BRA074) immediately preceding the Attorney for Petitioner date of the election, and P.O. Box 311412 who are qualified to vote in Enterprise, Al 36331-1412 the county precinct which (334) 393-6439 / (334) 393embraces and covers that 7163 (fax) part of the corporate limits attygb97@gmail.com of the city in which the elec- 7/2,9,16&23pd.

"I hope the rest of our parents and students will fill out the survey so we will have a better idea on how to

In other business, the board voted to adopt the 2020-2021 parent/student households for the system information guide.

> The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, July 9, at 5:30

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson spent a couple of afternoons with us last week and we discovered his new favorite snack is hawaiian sweet rolls straight out of the package. My little man ate an entire package while playing a video game in his recliner, and was still hungry before he headed back home. I guess maybe we need to look in his refrigerator at home and find out what Mom has been feeding him!

For what it is worth....

*** The Alabama Superintendent of Education announced late last week that high school sports would return this fall, but admitted "they will look different." At a much anticipated press conference Friday Dr. Eric Mackey stated he was confident that high school sports would resume with new protocols in place such as cleaning equipment as often and practical as possible, limiting access to sidelines in football and extending the players box to help allow for social distancing. He also stated that while fans will be allowed in the stands, standards for social distancing would be adopted, as were done in high school graduations. July 27 is the first official day for practice for fall sports, with the first date for playing a game being August 20. AHSAA executive director Steve Savarese said the organization was looking forward to the annual 'Kickoff Classic' set for Aug. 20-22 at Cramton Bowl, in Montgomery, and added that the AHSAA would study and produce a 'Best Practices' plan go be presented to the Central Board of Control on July 22. A lot can still happen between now and late August, but for now it looks like high school sports fans will be happy and be able to attend games in just a matter of weeks.

*** I know the high school football season is still over imately 842,000 pounds of seven weeks away and I will take a look at the area football schedules in a couple of weeks. However, I sat down one afternoon last week to take a peek at the upcoming schedules and decided to give all football fans a few teasers as the season gets closer. Here in Elba, the Tigers will continue to load up the schedule with rugged non-region foes as they will oppose perennial 3A powers Daleville, Opp and Providence Christian. The Tigers will also have three long road trips against region opponents as they travel to G.W. Long (57 miles), Cottonwood (59 miles) and Abbeville (62 miles). Over in New Brockton, the Gamecocks will tangle velop the season dates based with Georgiana, W.S. Neal and Cottonwood in non-region on historical weather inforaction, with the longest trip being a 58 mile trip to Georgi- mation and fishing effort, ana. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels will oppose a trio of 1A both of which can be unpreopponents in no-region action in Kinston, Samson and dictable once the season be-Pleasant Home, with the longest road trip being a 44 mile gins. The number of vessel trip to Geneva County. Down in Kinston, the Bulldogs have only eight games listed on the state site, with 3A Houston per day. So far during the and Freshwater Fisheries. Academy and 2A Zion Chapel being their non-region 2020 season, the average To learn more about games, with the longest trip being a 53-mile trek to Georgi- has been 822 vessel trips per ADCNR, visit www.outana. Up in Brantley, the Bulldogs have a trio of tough non-day. When there are more dooralabama.com. region foes on their schedule in 2A powers Luverne and people fishing we reach the Highland Home, not to mention 5A Charles Henderson, quota sooner.' with a long trip to Geneva County (44 miles). Okay, that should at least stir your interest.

*** Former Elba Tiger head football coach Mac Cham- the 2018 - 2020 seasons is off Party is set pion passed away recently at the age of 83 and left behind a legacy in high school sports that will always be remember. Champion was a two-time all-state quarterback at Hayneville High School and as a backup quarterback at Auburn before beginning his illustrious coaching career at Floyd Junior High, in Montgomery. He became the head football coach at Hayneville High in 1962 and in his first four seasons led his team to an incredible 39-1 record and three state championships. When Hayneville High closed its doors, Champion helped found Lowndes Academy and led the team to immediate success, and later headed to Monroe County, where he was the head coach at Monroe Academy. In a 13-year span at Hayneville, Lowndes Academy and Monroe Academy his teams posted a combined record of 136-7-1. Champion came to Elba in 1976 and inherited a team that struggled to three straight losing seasons. In his only year with the Tigers, his team posted a 6-4 record, with three of the losses coming to Enterprise, Eufaula and An-ment plan sets the red dalusia. While Coach Champion's career is always linked snapper quota allocated to to success in the private school ranks, he was indeed one of Alabama, as well as the the best high school coaches ever to take the field here in other Gulf states. We are re-

*** I have watched several sporting events in recent weeks that had no fans in the stands and found it kind of eerie, but had to chuckle last week when I read that the 'Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest' would be moved inside and would have no spectators. The past 68 years the annual event has been held on the boardwalk at Coney Island and drew thousands of interested spectators, but this year it will move inside to avoid the spread of the virus. I wonder if eating indoors in an air conditioned building will help the contestants eat more hot dogs.

***Well, it looks like we may have Major League Baseball after all, but with a mere sixty-game schedule it would be hard to call it a season. The owners and players have agreed to start the season on July 23-24 and will play a total of sixty games in sixty-five days, with the schedule to only include games against divisional and geographical rivals (NL East vs. AL East). Special rules will include the designated hitter in all games in both leagues, as well as putting a runner on second base to start the inning when a game goes into extra innings. I guess the billionaire owners and millionaire players both decided there will be enough TV money to go around and help everyone pad their pockets.

COFFEE COUNTY LAKE OPEN WEDNESDAY THRU SUNDAY

OPEN LATE ON WEEKENDS!

AHSAA to study plan for return of prep sports

Reopening Schools, which concerning COVID-19. was released Friday, June 26, by State Superintendent key and his staff for their Dr. Eric Mackey.

The ALSDE, in conjunc- forward to working with tion with the Alabama De-school administrators and partment of Public Health with the AHSAA Football (ADPH), developed its plan and Fall Sports committees as a guidance document for which meet on July 7 in adthe upcoming school year dition to the Alabama Foot-

tion (ALSDE) Roadmap to schools are currently facing

"We appreciate Dr. Mactireless efforts. I am looking

Season ends early

Red snapper season to end July 3 in Alabama waters

view of the first 20 days of changes in the recreational the proposed 2020 private fishery to ensure we do not angler red snapper season, exceed our quota. We will the Alabama Department of continue to work to make Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) anticipates the quota for the private angler red snapper season will be met on Friday, July 3, 2020. Therefore, Alabama waters will close to private angler and statelicensed charter red snapper fishing effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020.

As of June 22, 2020, landing estimates show that anglers from private and state-licensed charter vessels have landed approxthe 1.1 million-pound Alabama red snapper quota.

"Other than the weekend of Tropical Storm Cristobal, we have had great weather in coastal Alabama which provided almost ideal fishing conditions," said Scott Bannon, Director of ADCNR's Marine Resources Division. "We detrips during the past two rine Resources, State Lands, seasons averaged 527 trips State Parks, and Wildlife

Detailed red snapper landing information from Football Kickv a i l a b l e for Saturday, at https://www.outdoorala- Aug. 15, at 7 bama.com/2020-redsnapper-landings-summary.

"I have fished most weekends of the season and it has been good to see so many people out enjoying this fishery," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Commissioner. "I am disappointed that we will not be able to harvest red snapper during the full Fourth of July weekend or during the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Like many, my family had plans to do both. However, the red snapper managequired under the manage-



After completing a re- ment plan to adjust to improvements in the federal stock assessment process for red snapper that we hope will increase the quota for future years."

Anglers are reminded that

the federal charter season for red snapper is open seven days a week until 12:01 a.m. on August 2, 2020. The federally permitted charter vessels are not under state management, any season adjustments for charter vessels will be made by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The federal waters off Alabama, outside 9 miles, will be open to an- pound bass on the same morning. glers landing red snapper in other states that have open red snapper seasons. The possession of red snapper, in Alabama waters, is prohibited during the closed recreational season.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Ma-

> Jones said. the upcoming season while "The Football doing so in a safe environ-Kickoff Party ment. has served as the unofficial Kickoff Party are just \$125 start to the and each ticket admits two athletic season for many years, and we be purchased by visiting wanted to TroyTrojans.com/kickoffmake sure party, by calling 334-670-

will serve as the prize, food, music, a silent auction, a live auction and

Fans will be able to exthroughout the evening.

"This is going to be an amazing evening and a special opportunity for our fans to experience a night under the lights at The Vet," Director of Athletics Brent

reviewing the Alabama meet the health and safety July 8 to discuss the looking forward to hosting State Department of Educa- challenges Alabama's ALSDE Roadmap and the the Kickoff Classic at ADPH guidelines," said Cramton Bowl, which kicks AHSAA Executive Director off the 2020 football season

> "The AHSAA will conjunction with the AHSAA Central Board, Medical Ad-ADPH) and will present the Central Board at its July 22 edu/

The AHSAA is currently which is designed to help ball Coaches Association on meeting. The AHSAA is Aug. 20-21."

Details and a synopsis of tinue to study and produce the ALSDE Roadmap to "Best Practices" (in con- Reopening Schools and a special parents' guide can be found at the Alabama visory Board, ALSDE and State Department of Educa-

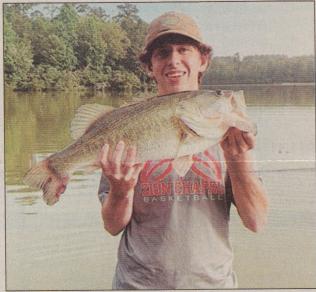
recommendations to the website: https://www.alsde.

Coffee County Lake

FISHING SPOTLIGHT



Garrett Dunn (above) caught this 9 1/4 pound bass fishing at the Coffee County Lake on Saturday, June 27, while his cousin Benjamin Hutchinson (below) caught this 7 1/2



Tickets for the Football

people into The Vet for the

special evening. Tickets can

Troy Trojan 'kickoff party' set for Aug. 15 at the Vet

p.m. and the premier event will have a new location year. The Vet

host for the evening that that Trojan Nation still has 3682 will feature a \$10,000 grand the opportunity to celebrate email jmorgan@troy.edu.

perience The Vet in a unique way as the evening's festivities will take place on field level. Fans are encouraged to wear game day attire to the Kickoff Party due to the event being outside. Fans will be treated to a special game day menu for dinner plus complementary beverages will be available

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Proceeding With Caution

UPDATED STATEWIDE COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER FOR ALABAMA

AMENDED SAFER AT HOME

The Safer at Home order that ends Friday at 5 p.m. has been extended until July 31st with no major changes.



WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME:

ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SUCH AS ARCADES, THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS)

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Allowed subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines **CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

Encouraged to stay home and follow good sanitation practices **EMPLOYERS**

Businesses may open subject to sanitation and social-distancing guidelines

All retail stores may open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Allowed unless prohibited in the future by the State Health Officer to preserve resources necessary to diagnose and treat COVID-19; providers must follow COVID-19-related rules and guidance from state regulatory boards or public health authorities

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS

Regular programming still suspended except meals still available through

curbside pick-up or delivery

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Still must implement policies to restrict visitation

NON-WORK GATHERINGS

Still required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same

RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES

May open with limited table seating, 6 feet between tables and subject to

additional sanitation rules and guidelines **ATHLETIC FACILITIES (SUCH AS FITNESS CENTERS AND COMMERCIAL**

Athletic facilities may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation

rules and guidelines

CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services) may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

BEACHES

Open with no limit on gatherings. Must maintain 6 feet of separation.

ORDER EXTENDED IN made, but he said it would assure them we are doing ev-ALABAMA...On Tuesday, be advised that parents pro- erything safety-wise we can June 30, Alabama Governor vide their child with his/her to make it safe here where Kay Ivey addressed the own face mask for school. they can come back to state to announce she would He said the school system school extending Safer-at-Home health order through 5 p.m. their own, but he said it just said he also knows everyone July 31, 2020.

announcement the order had able to provide their child been set to expire on July with his/her own personal this time, for the season to

The governor said he felt the COVID-19 virus classroom is a place where football and volleyball. remained to prevalent in the we cannot always provide state to let the safer-at-home the necessary 6-ft. social dishealth order expire at this tancing space," Moseley time. She further said. "That is when I would encouraged citizens to do say it would be good to have sonal water bottles for each their part in preventing a face mask on in those player so no one is sharing spread of the virus by times." practicing proper social distancing, following the of the school year that break- distance more effectively," whenever possible.

the COVID-19 numbers dressed. continue to rise.

spells out the 'do's and don heavily is that of bus riders. not's' of the current order, "We are definitely prob- want everybody to be able to which now expires at 5 p.m. ably going to require masks come to the games; ho-July 31, 2020.



Bob Bush, DV

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continue to move toward means, to drive their child to

"I immediately met with the school year to cut down our administrators last on the number of bus riders Thursday after returning we have each day." from the conference," Moseley said. "We did a complete require parents to drive the needs assessment of things students to school, but he that would help us reopen would recommend it to par-Elba City Schools."

reopening.

He said he and admin- helpful to the school and to istrators looked at the func- them regarding safety meastionality at each school ures. He said buses would be fulling realizing that the high sprayed and sanitized each school building versus the day. elementary school building would look different when award that there would be school opens. He said there both traditional and virtual were some things he could learning options available pass down to his admin- for the school year," Moseistrators saying "we are ley said. "Me, personally. doing this" but ultimately Chris Moseley wants all our each school would have students to come back to some different guidelines in campus at the start of the place that better suit a high school year, but for those school or elementary who choose to have their school's functionality.

at doing is starting the year will have access to use the checking everyone's tem- state provided online opperature upon entering the tions.' buildings," Moseley said. "I He stressed, however, that believe this is a feasible online learning would not be safety measure we can take at all like it was when the with our school size. Hope-school shut down in the fully that will help us at Elba Spring and students were City Schools to be better provided packets of work preventative."

sion of face masks is still on be actual attending classes the table and considering and completing work daily, how far the school system and he said online learning takes that recommendation. is not easy, especially at the Taking into consideration the elementary level. state's Safer-at-Home public Any student that chooses health order, which was ex- to stay home and learn retended this week until 5 p.m. motely this upcoming school July 31st by Governor Kay year would still be enrolled Ivey, the superintendent said as an Elba City Schools stuthe status of the public health dent, the superintendent order will largely affect the said. overall face mask decision at Moseley said parents the start of school.

vise having one on inside the after the 4th of July holiday. buildings whenever fea- He said this survey would sible," Moseley said. "I am help the school system get a not saying teachers/students better idea of how each parshould wear them all day ent/student wants to attend long every day, but when when school starts - tradifeasible they should be tional or virtual.

getting more information out ents will send their kids back SAFER-AT-HOME to parents as decisions are to school," Moseley said. "I the would have some available public for those unable to provide would add to the safety-side Prior to Tuesday's of the matter if parents are face mask.

"We all are very aware the

public health order fast and lunch would look Moseley said. "Right now, guidelines, and wearing different at the schools; ho- though, we fully expect face masks in public wever, he said plans on ex- there to be a season." actly how those feeding

Another area Moseley The document above said is being considered

mation to parents of bus riders asking them, if at all possible, if they have the

"Dr. Mackey made us all

school at the beginning of

Moseley said he cannot

ents because it would be

child learn remotely via the "One thing we are looking online virtual options, we

just to finish out the fourth Moseley said the discus- nine weeks. He said this will

could expect a survey to "Personally, I would ad- come their way sometime

"I really hope at our Moseley said he would be school with our size that par-

> Delving further into things, the superintendent wants to know if football will be back this fall.

"We all fully expect, at open on time," Moseley said. He said this applies to

"There are some changes they [Alabama High School Athletic Association] have been looking at such as perand extending sidelines to He said at least for the start allow the players to social

As for fan attendance, Governor Ivey again times would be handled are Moseley said he also bestated that she reserves the still being developed as lieves, as things stand curright to reverse these orders school staff continues to rently and that is always and implement stricter work on how social distanc- subject to change, that fans guidelines across the state if ing can be properly ad- will be able to attend the

> "We probably going to recommend fans wear a face mask," Moseley said. "We be worn while on the bus," wever, if we were to experi-Moseley said. "I am also ence a spike [in our county going to send out infor- or city] too fast and be told by the health department to make changes, we might have to look at that time at limiting the attendance capacity."

He said he does not want to have to limit attendance, but if it became necessary, the school system would do what was asked of it by public health officials to provide a safer environment for all.

"We can 'what if' all day long. We can have a plan in place, and it's going to change," Moseley said. "We are going to have special called board meeting on July 7, and I am going to have an action plan for the board members at that time for us to go over and discuss."

He said the plan would be a working document, and as issues arise it could be adiusted.





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